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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Masakazu SUZUKI, et al.

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For: DEVICE DRIVER APPARATUS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application, please amend the claims as follows:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please REPLACE claims 3-9 in accordance with the following:

3. The device driver apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said adapter notifies said driver of command upon receipt of the command from the initiator, said driver notifies the PIO process of the notified command, the PIO process returns status being a reply to said driver, said driver notifies said adapter of the status, and said adapter returns the status to the initiator.

4. The device driver apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said adapter notifies said driver of command upon receipt of the command from the initiator, said driver notifies the PIO process of the notified command, the PIO process returns a buffer address to said driver after preparing data, and setting the data in a buffer, said driver

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